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In re US Patent Application of:)	
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Filing Date: December 6, 1999)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Title: REMOTE IMAGE CAPTURE)	
WITH CENTRALIZED)	
PROCESSING AND STORAGE)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after the title of the invention, insert the following information:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/081,012 which was filed on May 19, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/917,761 which was filed on August 27, 1997 and has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,910,988. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-41 and 51-53 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the following claims: